

The News and Herald wishes its readers abundant success for the new year.

We think Speaker Crisp has shown bad practical politics in the appointment of his committee, but it is equally as bad practical politics for the Democratic press to turn their batteries on Speaker Crisp now, that he is in.

Governor Tillman will doubtless reiterate his "blowing" next summer with the elimination of a few bubbles like "free-passes," the sin of wearing kid gloves, "incipient rottenness," etc. His "blowing" next summer will be to "blow off" the trash, as he calls them, blown into office by the Tillman storm.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER has had control over the U. S. mail service long enough to give us better and safer service. A number of our subscribers have written to us complaining of not getting their papers, or getting them several days after they should reach their address. White Oak subscribers especially have complained. We trust that Mr. Wanamaker will look into this matter.

THE outlook for this year is not encouraging. This is admitted and there is no use of mincing matters. For a long time we have heard of hard times, and perhaps this is just as about as hard as any for the past ten or fifteen years. The farmers have made short crops and received very little for it. They find it hard to meet their liabilities and other folks find it hard to pay their debts. We must all do just the best we can, and try to help each other. We must be hopeful. When a man loses hope he loses energy. The people of this State have passed through trying times before, and we believe that their pluck, bravery and courage will take them through this year.

TILLMAN, Irbis and Shell, it is reported, enjoyed their Christmas dinner at Laurens, and we have little doubt but that the triumvirate of "the Reform" discussed what orders they should issue within the next few months. Governor Tillman is dissatisfied with the present Legislature and has already said that he intends to have the next elected to suit him. He wants one that can be easily controlled, one that will do what Tillman says, and what Tillman says, must be law. Both Tillman and Irbis, it is reported, have lost none of their bitterness towards their opponents. Irbis is Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and above all others he should work to heal the breach in the ranks of the party. The Democracy needs all the strength it can get in this State, and when the State Chairman refers to the Hasskellites by such terms as "maccosins" it is not calculated to heal the sores of the last campaign. We want to see our people united. Many of the followers of Governor Tillman really believed that "something was rotten in Denmark," that there was plenty of room for reform, and they voted honestly. Some of us think they were wrong, but we have no right to abuse them. It is truly unfortunate that "the triumvirate" should have begun on the same old line of bitterness, and we fear that it is but the prelude to the second edition of Shell's Manifesto. Governor Tillman and most of his prominent followers are now in office, and they have made many interesting issues for the next campaign, and we trust that they will be discussed and heard dispassionately.

NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS.

Dear Sir: I beg to remind contestants for the premium offered by the Columbia Phosphate Company for the largest yield of cotton from one acre manured with a fertilizer manufactured and sold by that company that a full report from each contestant is required; how much to the acre, the cost of preparation, cultivation, and harvesting, and also affidavit of the party who measured the land and superintended the harvesting of the crop. All of the above information is required and should be sent to the Secretary by the 15th of January proximo, so that the Executive Committee may make the award at its meeting in Columbia on the 3rd day of February, following.

The Columbia Phosphate Company will renew its offer of premiums for 1892, through this Society, and it is hoped that the liberality of this Company in its efforts to increase the production of cotton from the smallest area will induce our farmers to adopt the incentive system, and influence other companies to offer premiums for the largest yield of cotton, corn, root crops, and the cereals, fertilized with their respective fertilizers.

THOS. W. HOLLOWAY, Secretary.

TOBACCO CULTURE.

A Farmer Opposes the Raising of Tobacco Because it is Injurious to Health—Is it a Mooted Question?

Messrs. Editors: In your issue of this week I notice a communication from Mr. T. P. Mitchell in which he urges the farmers of Fairfield County to take up tobacco raising and makes some suggestions as to how to get it started and the farmers interested in it. Now, while I believe that the soil of this and many other sections of the County is admirably adapted to the growth of tobacco and that with some experience and the proper culture and attention as fine a leaf can be produced here as anywhere else, yet I don't think our farmers ought to go into it, for I believe it would be wrong in principle to grow or produce anything that is deleterious to the health and morals of the people, even should it be profitable pecuniarily. Viewed from a moral standpoint we can see nothing inviting or commendable in its culture. It is a fact which no intelligent man will deny that it is a great evil and baneful in the extreme; that it is an obnoxious weed, the most useless one the Lord ever permitted to grow out of the earth, one that has even a single medicinal virtue as it has been able to discover, and our physician will tell you that its use is extremely hurtful and obnoxious not only to our physical nature but equally so to our mental faculties, and that it is the chief promoter of the most of our ills. Then consider what a strain it is upon our purses and what vast amount of money that is sent out of the State every year for it. Now if it is true that its use is such a prodigious and baneful evil, which I dare say no one will deny, then its culture must perforce be also an evil and therefore sinful and wrong.

ELKO NEWS.

Kind Words for The News and Herald.

Messrs. Editors: In looking through your dear old paper, I do not think I have ever seen anything from this part of the State, so I will send you a few items from Elko. Christmas has come and gone, everything had a real "Sunday" appearance. The young people are not so sober, they are having a pleasant time, judging from the number of socials in and around the place. The most important event of the week, and one that occupied the minds of both parents and children, was the closing exercises of the Elko Graded School for the approaching holiday season. The principal of this flourishing school is Prof. H. S. Cunningham assisted by his estimable wife, she teaching the smaller children, Thursday, December 24th, was the day set apart for the entertainment, and the threatening aspect of the weather in the forenoon, bid fair to mar the pleasure and happiness of all interested, but early in the afternoon, the clouds disappeared, the sun came out, and with it, everybody in the whole neighborhood, until that large hall was packed and jammed. I took no notes, consequently can remember the names of only a few girls and boys, who read essays or delivered addresses. The school numbering fifty or sixty pupils, marched into the hall about half past six o'clock, headed by the Professor, and a few of the beautiful march played by Miss Lizzie Johnson. The boys and girls recited their pieces beautifully—some had dialogues, others had compositions. Among these were "Good House-keeping," by Miss Irene Cunningham; "The Bird," by Miss Sarah Owens; "Higher Education of Woman," by Miss Lizzie Johnson; "Furman University," by Miss Juvette Owens. The contest for the Democratic medal was quite lively and spirited. The young men who contended were Master Willie Lee on "Crazy Liquor," Master W. H. Ward on "Honor," Master Lee Williams, "Cock," Master Mike Woodward, "The Cure for Intemperance," Master Eddie Owens, "High against Low License," Master Tom Hair, "Does Prohibition Prohibit?"

Elko, S. C., January 1, 1892.

TEN YEARS WITH TOBACCO.

RESULTS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF A PRACTICAL PLANTER.

Mr. H. E. Harman, of Winston, N. C., formerly of Lexington, S. C., Gives the Readers of the News and Herald Some Hints as to the Best Method of Undertaking and Pursuing this Industry. "Chastity is the first and best remedy for tobacco, and the best cure for it is to make it and how to sow the seed." (News and Herald.) To make a success of the tobacco crop the planter must begin early. And furthermore he must begin early. The old saying goes that it takes eight months to make a crop of tobacco, and all things considered, the old saying is about right. After the New Year festivities are over the first thing to be looked after by the tobacco grower is a suitable place for a plant bed. The plant bed is the place where the seed are sown and from which the young plants are drawn for transplanting in April. It must be carefully selected and carefully prepared if you would have a plentiful supply of vigorous plants. Early in January select your spot. If you have never planted a crop before select a place where you can make a permanent bed. Take an uncleaned spot on a hillside, with a Southern exposure if you can get it, and near a water course if that is possible. Clear off the timber and burn it on the land, so as to kill out insects and grass seed in the soil and for the purpose of mellowing the land. When this is done rake the spot clear of all trash. Plough or dig up the soil carefully, then plough or dig again. Rake the land over and over until it is thoroughly pulverized. When this part of your work is thoroughly done you are ready for planting your seed. Before describing the process of sowing, I wish to describe another kind of plant bed which has found favor with those who care to take the trouble to prepare it. It is nothing more than the garden bed constructed for the garden or in the field, and can be covered with movable glass tops. This glass covering serves to intensify the feeble rays of the late winter sunshine and to protect the plants from the frost. As the warmth of the season advances this covering should be removed during the day to enable the plants to get strength from the exposure. The glass covered plant bed has been adopted by some of the best planters and is recommended where the planter feels able to make the additional outlay on his crop. His seed bed ready, the seed should be sown as early after the 20th of January as possible, although the sowing can be done up to March with very good results. The tobacco seed is exceedingly small and care should be taken not to get them too thick. About the best plan is to mix the seed half and half with dry sand. To every one hundred square yards of seed bed, surface take one and one-half table-spoons full of tobacco seed. Sow slowly and carefully over the surface, so as to get them evenly distributed. If you have a good planter, you can do this better than any other way. After the sowing, carefully roll the surface with a smooth roller and the sowing is done. No other covering is required. The planter must make ample allowance for insect destruction. Tobacco and hence seed and plants of plant bed. Count estimates through a series of years show that ordinarily three hundred square yards of plant bed, well stocked, will plant from two to three acres, and the estimate can be safely made on this basis. After the seed are sown, unless the bed is glass covered as described above the bed should be "covered." Boards twelve inches wide should be placed lengthwise around the entire bed, all the corners and laps being carefully nailed. Over these stretch the canvas or a thin, canvas cloth made for the purpose and which can be bought for from three quarters to two cents per yard, according to quality. Tack the canvas around the edges and stretch tightly over the entire bed. This covering serves the double purpose of protecting the tender plants from both cold and insects. To insure strong and healthy plants the fertilizing must be energetic and continued. Before sowing the seed the soil should have at least two applications of either fresh stable manure or some stronger ammoniated fertilizer. Each of these applications must be worked in the soil thoroughly. If stable manure is used care should be taken to avoid such a way contain grass seed of any kind. After the plants are up a top dressing of fertilizer or manure may be necessary. If finely pulverized stable manure is good for the purpose and should be applied when the plant leaves are dry. Aside from this top fertilizing little care of the young plants is necessary save to watch for the growing weeds and keep them out. Should the plant application of ashes will often put a stop to its ravages. Though a ready mentioned, the planter must be careful not to sow tobacco seed too thick. To prevent this great care is necessary. Bear in mind that there are 50,000 tobacco seed in every ounce, and it will help you to guard against sowing them too thick. The permanent plant bed should never be allowed to grow up in grass or weeds after the plants are up. Keep them down for the sole purpose of keeping them covered out of the soil. Care should be taken to keep the plant bed in good condition, and the soil should always be as fertile as is possible to make it—if you want strong and hardy plants. H. E. HARMAN, Winston, N. C.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

Let Him Finish His Term. (Laurens Advertiser.) In the face of such a vote of non-confidence as the passage of the anti-free pass bill implies the Governor ought to resign.

Only Two. (Laurens Ledger.) Senator Woodward made a motion in the Senate to reduce Senatorial salaries which was voted down and the bill to raise the salary of the Governor and the salary of the members of the Legislature and the salary of the members of the Executive Council.

Our Reform Administration needs reforming. It is possible for the Governor to redeem himself as he has more than once done, but the Legislature is past redemption. Just at this time most of the members probably will decide not to ask for a re-election.

Only "Blowing." (Newberry Herald and News.) Governor Tillman did say in his speech at Newberry during his campaign if elected Governor he would save the people \$100,000. Of course he didn't mean it and he used his expression, we presume he was only "blowing" a little then. But instead of saving anything, when the comparison is made up, it will be found that the balance is against his administration.

Retaining the Credit of the State. (Press and Banner.) The "Reform" Legislature has unwisely retained the credit of the State, and it has "Reformed" next to nothing. All its important acts seem to have an eye to liberal appropriations, and the chief warfare of the "Reform" officers has been directed against the Railroads and the State bonds.

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AN ORDINANCE

REQUIRING A LICENSE FEE OF ALL TRANSIENT PERSONS WHO SHALL ENGAGE IN BUSINESS FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Winnsboro, S. C., in Council met and by the authority of the same:

Section 1. That all transient persons who shall hereafter engage in any mercantile business in the Town of Winnsboro for less than one year shall pay to the Clerk of the Council a license fee of six and twenty dollars for each month in which such person shall engage in business.

Section 2. Any violation of the foregoing Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than twenty dollars or imprisonment for not more than twenty days in the discretion of the Court.

Done in Council this 15th day of December, A. D. 1891, and in the presence of the Mayor and the Council.

Attest: W. G. JORDAN, Mayor.

Attest: B. J. QUATTLEBAUM, Clerk.

W. R. DOTY & CO.,

WINNSBORO, S. C.

DENTISTRY.

B. J. QUATTLEBAUM, D.